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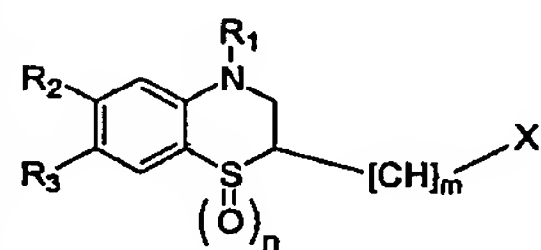
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useful in the treatment or prevention of infections and other diseases in which  
peptide deformylases are involved, especially in the treatment of bacterial and  
parasitic infections, for example infections fully or partly caused by microorgan-  
isms belonging to *Staphylococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Haemophilus*,

*Moraxella*, *Escherichia*, *Mycobacterium*, *Mycoplasma*, *Pseudomonas*, *Chlamydia*, *Rickettsia*, *Klebsiella*, *Shigella*, *Salmonella*, *Bor-*  
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